

Parent of 11 Not Much Interested in Mother's Day



LADY and 10 of Her Offspring
... color indicates their good stock

Watching the awkward gamboling of the balls of soft light brown that are sons and daughters of Lady, one of the city's best-liked dogs, Mrs. E. A. Lock said this week: "They're just like 11 children and as hard to raise!"

The pups—five males and six females—will be six weeks-old tomorrow and their care has become Mrs. Lock's chief duty about the house and back yard at 1823 Portola avenue.

A couple of the frolicking puppies started gnawing on her ankle as she pointed out that their mother, the beautiful Irish setter Lady, doesn't pay much attention to them now. "Go chase that butterfly," Mrs. Lock instructed the stocking-destructors pointing their noses in the general direction of the insect that instantly became another object for investigation by the tumbling pups.

Recovered After Theft

"Their father is a pure-bred Irish setter and while we have no pedigree papers on Lady, we believe she is a thoroughbred. We have been assured by people who know dogs that the litter is of good stock because they are all of the same color," she said.

Lady disdains her brood because they all want to nurse whenever she is within nuzzling range but day and night she keeps a close watch about the Lock residence and is a good guardian for her offspring. Soon the pups will lose their light-brown fur and come in with silky reddish-brown coats that distinguish their parents.

Several months ago the Lock household was thrown into despair when Lady was missing more than a week. She was finally located by Earl Lock, her owner, thru the lost and found column of an Inglewood newspaper. She was found in that city and also the people who had her said she "just wandered to our house," the Locks can't believe that Lady would run away. They insist that she was stolen.

May Building Has Good Start

Building permits issued here since May 1 have totaled \$19,670, a check at the city engineer's office yesterday disclosed. The construction projects begun so far this month were:

Colusa Oil company, two 1,000-barrel welded oil tanks, \$1,720; San Lorenzo Nursery, wood frame bunkhouse and workroom, \$1,200; C. E. Chambers of 1618 216th street, is building a five-room frame stucco house and double garage at 1613 Madrid, \$2,700.

One New Derrick

N. D. Smith is remodeling the interior of his residence at 2010 Martina, adding a new back porch and closing in the front porch, erecting a double frame garage and a rampup room at a cost of \$850. Oscar W. Mintz is building a five-room stucco house and garage at 208 Via La Ciruela, Hollywood Riviera, costing \$4,150.

Charles L. Steiner is building a five-room wood frame stucco house for \$2,000 at 1316 Cota; General Petroleum corporation is adding a metal frame extension to its compressor house for \$2,000, and the D. and J. Oil company is erecting a wooden derrick at 23520 Eschelman for \$5,000.

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Noted Highway Engineer to Speak

Clean-Up Week Nearing Close; Many Working

A large number of Torrance residents have followed the request of Fire Captain J. E. McMaster and William Gascoigne, street superintendent, and put in some hard work during the past few days to observe "Clean Up Week." Paint Up, Fix Up, Week in Torrance.

Gascoigne knows that many here are engaged in renovating their places because he has had charge of the hauling away of debris collected and deposited in alleys. McMaster says the fire department has inspected a number of business and residential places in the interest of fire prevention.

The "Clean Up Week" will continue thru Saturday. There is still much that can be done to make Torrance more attractive, according to reports. Many vacant lots need cleaning of weeds, papers and tin cans. Parkways can be cleared off and back yards stripped of accumulated trash. Many residents and business houses would be vastly improved by a coat of paint and thus present a more attractive appearance.

LOMITA CLEANS UP FOR SUMMER TIME

Lomita is engaged in a "Clean Up Week," announced by President Hugo Schmidt of the Chamber of Commerce. He particularly urges Lomitans to clean up parkways, yards and vacant lots. The county forester is currently engaged in removing one "eyesore" in the community by planting new trees and a hedge at 247th street and Pennsylvania avenue where it is believed a gas leak killed surrounding shrubbery.

Recovery by Robbery Route Results in Rap

All the way around it was a losing deal for Truman J. Miller, 23, of Redondo Beach, who was arrested Sunday at his home by deputy sheriffs and later is alleged to have confessed to a number of robberies in his home city and one in Lomita. Miller is said to have told authorities he had lost all of his money aboard a gambling ship and then began his series of holdups to recuperate funds. The proceeds from these he proceeded to drop to the operators of the card games and dice spinning on the same gambling barge that was the scene of his original downfall.

The robbery Saturday night at a liquor store on Roosevelt highway in Lomita was his third and last holdup of the evening. Miller, a carpenter by trade, confessed. He said he obtained \$21 and a quart of whiskey there. The whiskey was, strangely enough, recovered.

His previous robberies took place at Teizo Mineto's produce market at Hawthorne and Torrance boulevards and a service station in Redondo Beach. Miller's identity was learned thru an auto license number furnished deputy sheriffs by the Japanese store owner.

TOIGA PARTLY OPEN

Toiga Pass road is now open on the east side from Mono Lake up Leevining Canyon to Lake Ellery.



JUST 31 years ago, the first Mother's Day was originated by Ann Jarvis of Philadelphia, who was inspired to work toward the official recognition of such an event by reverence for her own beloved and accomplished mother. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson, as President, proclaimed Mother's Day as a national day of observance by children of all ages... everywhere...

Sunday will be another Mother's Day—and there is no one among us so preoccupied, so distant, or so heedless of the blessing of having a mother to cherish—that we can let the day slip by without expressing our thanks to God... and to her... your mother and mine...

In addition to the many family tributes to mother, all local churches are holding special services and programs Sunday in her honor... And the Torrance theatre announces that all mothers over 60 will be admitted free to either the matinee or evening screen show...

LOCAL YOUNGSTER RESUMES MOTION PICTURE CAREER

A "come-back" effort on the part of a screen performer usually brings to mind some aging idol of the silent screen days who is mainly depending on his or her former appeal to renew favor with modern movie audiences. The struggle rarely succeeds.

But this is not true in the case of young Master Eugene Butler of Torrance vs. a screen career. This 10-year-old youngster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler of 1528 Gramercy, resumed his motion picture work this week under contract to R.K.O. studios.

He has been equipped with a new name—Barth Wood—which studio executives assert "fits his personality" and Tuesday took his stance before sound movie cameras as the screen drama "Spell Binder," featuring Lee Tracy and directed by Jack Hively began being transferred from script sheets to celluloid.

Between Eugene's—pardon us, Barth's—first appearances before the cameras, when he was playing roles in Shirley Temple's first comedy productions and his current opus is a hiatus of several years. But he spent those years in preparation for greater glory by undergoing strenuous dramatic and singing training.

He made a number of radio appearances and was a hit in several stage productions. All the while, he was attending classes at Torrance schools and now is in the A6 grade at Torrance Elementary school. Eugene—Barth—started his career when he was only 20 months old, according to his mother. Recently he was given an audition by Eddie Cantor who expressed the opinion that the young fellow will go far in the movie world.

In his current production, the Torrance player depicts the role of a criminal's son and he has ample opportunity to display his talent. His many friends here are eagerly awaiting the premiere of "Spell Binder" so they can see Eugene—tch, tch—Barth Wood and hail his screen "come back."

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EUGENE BUTLER
... Barth Wood fits personality

Boy Scout Camp Proposal Made to City Council

A proposal to create a Boy Scout camp on five acres in the Hollywood Riviera section of the city was made to the city council Tuesday night by Carl Leatherman, who said the camp committee intended to meet Thursday afternoon to select the site.

He asked the council if it would be necessary to circulate petitions asking the city to buy the site. Mayor William H. Tolson said this would not be needed but the council should be given complete information on what is proposed. Leatherman indicated that he was under the impression the council knew all about the camp proposition.

Angeleno Kills Self at Home of Friend Here

Using a friend's shotgun, Fred Harold Jensen, 31, of 6001 Haas avenue, Los Angeles, shot and killed himself last Saturday night at the home of another friend, H. W. Nielsen on 165th street. No acquaintance of the man, who was survived by his mother, two brothers and a sister, could give any reason why he should take his own life.

The body was found at 10:45 p. m., lying on a walk at the rear of the house between a garage and some chicken coops by Hans Larsen, who lives with Nielsen. Jensen, who was a laborer for a cement construction firm, had apparently died instantly, the charge from the gun penetrating his right temple.

Jensen had visited Nielsen's house earlier in the evening and was described in good spirits. On leaving he said he was going to visit William Martin in Redondo Beach and then return to Los Angeles. Police investigation determined that Martin had loaned the shotgun to Jensen at 10:15 o'clock Saturday night when the latter asked for it to "shoot some rats."

No note was found and Jensen's relatives said that they knew of nothing that would lead him to take his own life. The body was removed to Stone and Myer's mortuary where the funeral service was conducted Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Carl Russen of Los Angeles. Interment was at Inglewood Park cemetery.

39 CHILDREN GOING TO FAIR

Thirty-nine elementary school pupils, accompanied by five teachers, will start on the trip of their young lives next Wednesday morning when they board a special P. E. car here that will take them to Los Angeles and then transfer them to a special Southern Pacific car bound for San Francisco and two days' sightseeing at the World's Fair on Treasure Island. The departure time is set for 6:45 a. m. next Wednesday.

There will be 25 youngsters from Torrance Elementary and 14 from Fern Avenue school in the party. They will spend Thursday and Friday at the fair, touring that spectacle with special guides and escorts and arrive home Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

The trip is costing them only \$10.75 each, of which \$3.55 will be paid railroad fare. They will spend two nights at the Carleton hotel in San Francisco.

Trippers Listed
The teachers accompanying the group are Mrs. Juliet Young, Mrs. Vera Godwin and Miss Florence Pell of the Elementary school and Mrs. Oda B. Vans and Mrs. Hazel Hansen of the Fern Avenue school. Those who will make the trip from Fern Avenue are:

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Talks, Music Follow City-Wide Dinner in Auditorium, May 18

Highlight of the city-wide highway banquet and public meeting to be held next Thursday, May 18, at the Civic Auditorium will be an address by J. A. Mellen, highway engineer of the Los Angeles Regional Planning Commission. Mellen, an authority on highways, knows perhaps better than anyone in the entire Southland what they have meant to other communities. He is a forceful and entertaining speaker.

The dinner-rally is sponsored by the City-Wide Improvement Association and the public is invited to attend. The dinner, at 75 cents per plate, will be served at 6:30 p. m., and the meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m. Those unable to come to the dinner will be welcome to enter the auditorium without charge beginning at 7:30 p. m., according to R. J. Deininger, chairman. Musical entertainment is also being arranged.

An unusually fine dinner menu has been prepared by the women of the First Christian church, according to Howard G. Locke, chairman of the banquet committee.

Women Are Invited
All facts and figures concerning the proposed city-wide highway improvement program will be given at this meeting and everyone is urged to attend. Tickets for the dinner may be obtained from any committee member or purchased at the door.

Kiwanis and Rotary clubs will attend the dinner-rally in a body, both service clubs having given up their regular meetings next week. A number of club members have invited their wives and all other women are especially invited.

Important changes in the original plan for improving Hawthorne avenue were requested by members of the Welteria Civic Association last evening, following presentation of the highway program by Chairman Deininger and Ed Thompson before the Welteria body. Instead of improving Hawthorne all the way up the hill to connect with Palos Verdes Drive, the Welterians asked that the improvement extend only between Highway 101 and Newton street and thence on Newton to connect back with Highway 101.

They also strongly urged the erection of a recreation center building, and it was pointed out that savings effected by eliminating costly grade work on the roadway up the hill would more than pay for the recreation building.

"We are glad to get this expression of opinion from the Welteria residents as it is the purpose of the City-Wide Improvement Association to find out what the majority of residents want," Deininger said.

"It is quite probable that before the proposition is submitted to the city council for action there will be a number of other changes made. It is the function of the City-Wide Improvement Association to iron out these differences as far as possible so that when we go to the council we will have a plan satisfactory to the most people."

"When we finally adopt such a plan, then the improvement association will strive to have it adopted at the polls. Now is the time to register your complaints and make your suggestions. Don't wait until the projects come to an election," Deininger pointed out.

Consultation Contract
Receipt of \$1,904.34 from the quarter-cent gasoline tax fund was announced by Clerk Bartlett and the council was urged to attend a meeting of the board of supervisors the following day (Wednesday) when the matter of future gas tax allocations was discussed.

The council adopted a resolution (over Councilman George V. Powell's negative vote) authorizing a contract between the city

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Survey Shows Need for Continuing Student Dances Here

A questionnaire survey, answered by 301 young people April 27, and a personal investigation of a dance hall in a neighboring city, May 5 "within seven miles of Torrance," gave Attorney John Shidler the basis of a comprehensive report on the moral value of the Friday night student dances conducted in the Civic Auditorium.

Shidler presented his report at the meeting of the Torrance Coordinating Council Tuesday night. His conclusion: The dances should be continued here, where supervision is adequate, rather than let the young people's patronage drift to other cities where control could not be effected.

"We feel that if our dance did

not operate, most of our dancers would attend this other dance hall, which is operated by private persons for gain and where 11 places selling beer or liquor are located within one block of the dance," Shidler told the Coordinators.

H. S. Average 17 Years
The questionnaire survey was undertaken to learn from the young people themselves just what they thought of the Friday night Student Dances here and other related matters, such as where they came from, age groups, what could make the Torrance festivities more entertaining, drinking, smoking and the admission prices.

Four hundred and fifty copies of the questionnaire were distributed among the boys and girls attending the dance April 27. Three hundred and one answers "which were not of a facetious nature," were returned. No names or addresses were asked.

There were students from 20 high schools present, of an average of 17 years. Torrance high school, of course, had the most—54—with Narbonne second with 46, San Pedro third with 43. Other schools represented were Banning, Gardena, Leuzinger, Redondo, Long Beach, Inglewood, Washington, Compton, Canoga Park, Jordan, Bell, South Gate and Los Angeles high schools.

Average Age 17.4
Those attending the dance

above high school age were an average of 19 years old. Fifty-six gave no school affiliation while the remainder were from Compton, Long Beach, Los Angeles and Fullerton junior colleges, U.C.L.A., Whittier, Caltech, Loyola, Frank Wiggins and business colleges.

"All told there were 181 boys and 120 girls present of an average age of 17.4," Shidler stated. "In looking over the age groups we found nothing startling. There were no 13-year-old girls and two or three 14-year-old girls. There were no girls over 20 but two boys were 22 and one was 24. The fact that Torrance high school dancers were below the high school average (16 as compared to 17) is probably because this is the home city and younger children of other towns could not attend, due to lack of transportation."

All Want Dance Continued
"It is worthwhile noting the wide area in attendance and value in the way of advertising our city that follows from this dance. In answer to one of the questions: 'Do your parents criticize this dance unfavorably?' not one out of town answer was 'yes.' Some said 'Only at home.' In answer to the question: 'What change in our policy do you think would help make this a better dance?' about one third wrote: 'It is fine as is' or remarks of that nature."

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Hospital Open House Friday

A cordial welcome is extended to all local residents by the staff of Torrance Memorial hospital to visit the institution on Engracia avenue tomorrow, Friday, on National Hospital Day.

May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale who elevated nursing to a profession and instituted the modern system of hospitalization. Miss Esther Z. Maxwell, superintendent of the hospital here, and members of her staff intend to join other Southland nurses in the pilgrimage to the Florence Nightingale statue in Lincoln Park on that day.

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